

# Bright Ideas



HIGHLANDS COMMUNITY CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER: Spring 2025: [www.highlandscommunitychildcare.org](http://www.highlandscommunitychildcare.org)

## Happy 20th Anniversary to HCCDC on Church Street



HCCDC was proud to celebrate its 20th Anniversary in its current location on Feb. 14th - Valentines Day. The center originally opened in 1978 in the basement of the First Presbyterian Church.

Miss Pat joined the team in June of 1988. There were 29 children at that time.

In 2005 the new facility opened on Church Street. Miss Pat planned to stay 2 years at the new location helping to get things settled, but she is still here 20 years later and is the guiding force!

Our current enrollment is 75 as of April '25, which includes two new classrooms at the Church of Incarnation. We employ 25 people between both centers with a total of 8 classrooms.



## HCCDC Mission Statement

The mission of the Highlands Community Child Development Center is to provide high quality child care and early childhood education to promote cognitive, physical, emotional, and social development in a safe and loving environment to young children and their families regardless of race, color, national origin, gender, age, disability, religion, or financial status.

## HCCDC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

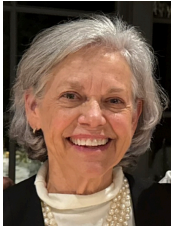
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### From Diane Dickey HCCDC Board President

To the Friends of HCCDC,

Celebrating our main campus's 20th anniversary provides an opportunity to thank past, present, and future partners for their contributions. Their dedicated efforts have enabled HCCDC to provide affordable, high-quality childcare for Highlands families.



At the core of HCCDC are its children, families, and staff. The Executive Director, Pat Hedden, along with Assistant Director, Demitra Passmore, lead an exceptional team of educators committed to excellence.

As the new Board President, I extend special thanks to outgoing President Cathy Manning for expanding HCCDC's capacity with two new classrooms. Thanks also to Ann Flynn, Vice President, for leading successful fundraising events. We are fortunate that both Cathy and Ann continue to support HCCDC actively.

Our gratitude is extended to First Presbyterian Church and Church of the Incarnation for their continuous support of our campuses since inception. Frances Oakley, a dedicated and long-standing board member, has been an exemplary fundraiser whose vision has significantly contributed to the success of HCCDC.

My role as Board President is made easier by our dedicated Board. Ruth Claiborne, Vice President, works with me on the Personnel Committee. Elizabeth Martin handles minutes and paperwork while supporting the Building and Grounds Committee alongside Cathy McIntyre-Ross. Walter Wingfield offers financial guidance as Treasurer, assisted by Endowment Chair Frances Oakley. Tracy Wade, Cindy Trevathan, and Trish Foor are organizing fundraising events, while Cindy Trevathan and Charlotte Muir seek grants. Parent Representative Charlotte Muir also leads the Teacher Appreciation Committee. Cathy McIntyre-Ross oversees the newsletter and website, with Slocum Howland capturing photos of HCCDC activities.

As we look to the future, we are excited about the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead. Our primary focus will be on maintaining and improving our 20-year-old facility to ensure it continues to serve our community effectively. This includes significant maintenance work on the roof, HVAC system, and playground.

We are committed to providing affordable, high-quality childcare and will continue to seek innovative ways to support our mission.

### ***Interested in visiting HCCDC?***

***Contact us to set up  
a guided tour of our  
main facility and our  
new Pre-K  
classrooms.***

***(Call 828-526-8905)***

## HONORARY AND MEMORIAL GIFTS

In memory of Mary Greig: Carol & Peter Taafe

In memory of Louie Michaud: Lynda & John White

In memory of Veda Sherard: Marilyn Evans, Betty Mallernee,  
Joan Sanders, Barbara & Mark Sanders

In memory of Veda & Jimmy Sherard: Michelle Poirer

In honor of Cathy Manning: Nell Manning

In honor of Billy Muir: Scott Carter

In honor of Rachel Wavra: Jane Jerry

In honor of Olivia & Jackson Wavra: Joni Benitez

## THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING CHILDREN AND FAMILIES!

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### **Staff Spotlight: Jeanna Owens**

Jeanna Owens has worked at HCCDC for almost 7 years. Currently she is in the new Preschool 2 classroom at the Church of the

Incarnation and worked in the 2 and 3 year old classroom previously.

Jeanna is from Clayton and graduated from Rabun County High School. She is married and a mother of 3 boys and has always been interested in working with children.

In her spare time, she volunteers at her church and works with the children there while their parents enjoy the weekly service.

Jeanna has taken advantage of the Claude Sullivan Continuing Education Fund to further her education at HCCDC. She feels God led her to HCCDC for her work here and at her church. Jeanna said, "Our ultimate goal is to give the parents and the children the best care we can. I will continue to work on my education as long as I work here. I have been very grateful for every opportunity I have been given through the Claude Sullivan Continuing Education Fund."

### **Spring Update HCCDC Director Pat Hedden**



Celebrating 20 years at our present location has been a great joy for me and our staff. We want to say thank you for letting us care for your children. It is a privilege and an honor.

Now preparations are underway for our spring and summer activities. We are looking forward to coloring eggs for our Easter Egg Hunt and especially anticipate a special furry visitor hopping in for a visit. Then it's time to plant seeds in the garden and enjoy what nature has to offer our young learners. Later in the season our traditions of having a tea party with parents included, the festive 4th of July parade downtown, and Preschool graduation will be sure to engage and inspire our eager children.

It is an exciting time for HCCDC and we are grateful for the support of our families as we create an environment where your children can learn, grow and thrive.

### **Claude Sullivan Fund**

In 2022, the HCCDC Board created the Claude Sullivan Staff

Continuing Education Fund in memory of Claude, a long time friend and supporter of the center.

This fund enables our teachers to access online classes at Southwestern Community College in early childhood development.

Please consider contributing to the Sullivan Fund to ensure our teachers can continue their education.

Send your contribution to HCCDC marked "The Sullivan Fund."

For more information about your donation call 828-526-8905 or visit our website:  
[www.highlandscommunitychildcare.org](http://www.highlandscommunitychildcare.org)



### **Gifts of any size can impact a child's life.**

**\$25**

can provide craft supplies for a classroom

**\$50**

provides meals for a child for one week

**\$75**

pays Continuing Education for our teachers

**\$100**

will buy a new tricycle or similar playground toy

**\$250**

purchases seeds, pots, and plants for  
Demonstration Gardens

**\$1000**

buys a new crib, bedding, and rocking chair

**\$2500**

provides a partial scholarship for a child

***Thank you for your generosity!***